



Nineteenth Annual EID

RIDGID® wins **Gold & Silver EID** awards!

■ Gold Award Winner

RIDGID® Pro Pack™ Wet/Dry Vacuum from Emerson Tool Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Requested by professionals for maximum portability and easy storage. The Pro Pack allows you to easily transport your Wet/Dry vac while carrying all of the tools you need. The large pivoting handle has a cushioned grip for increased comfort, and the unit folds flat for easy storing. This allows users to stack and store the unit in a truck bed or at the job site. The flat surface can also be used as an additional work surface. The vac features a 7-ft. Superflex hose, 20-ft. cord and three accessories, all of which store inside the vac. The locking hose feature keeps the hose from detaching from the unit. The 4.5-gallon drum is rectangular in shape with a wide base and low profile to eliminate tipping and reduce the overall height. The RIDGID Pro Pack's orange, oversized power switch is located in a recessed area to avoid accidental contact during transportation. "This is all most of us will ever need in the shop or work area," Cavello says. "It is a fine design exercise in minimalism and appropriateness."

Key Project players from Emerson Tool Co.: Kiyo Hoshino, director, industrial design; Jason Hill, senior project engineer; Travis Miller, product manager; Terry Stanek, director of product development; Mark Mager, vice president, finance; Mike Wozniak, director, purchasing; Zahid Rehman, manager, manufacturing engineering.



■ Silver Award Winner

RIDGID® Stor-N-Go™ Wet/Dry Vacuum from Emerson Tool Co., St. Louis, Mo.

The new RIDGID 5-gallon Stor-N-Go mounts directly onto the wall, which saves floor space and alleviates clutter in work shops or garages. It is easily detached from its wall bracket by pushing a single button to become portable. The Stor-N-Go offers one expandable 7-ft. hose and one 14-ft. hose, when attached together the two hoses provide 21-ft. of total reach. The 7-ft. hose, wands and four accessories store on the vac.

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Kiyo Hoshino, director, industrial design; Curt Eccardt, senior staff engineer; Bryan Meyer, product manager; Dennis Baute, senior commodity manager; Zahid Rehman, manager, manufacturing engineering; Jenny Costley, director, financial planning and analysis.

